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LUCET CALLED ON MERCHANT JUST PRIOR SECRETARY'S TAKE-OFF TO SAY THAT COUVE HAD NEGLECTED TO RAISE ONE POINT DURING HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY THIS NOON. THIS WAS THAT AMBASSADOR JEBB HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE DE GAULLE JUNE 22 AND FRENCH HAVE HAD SOME INDICATION (PRESUMABLY FROM MENZIES WHO HAS BEEN IN PARIS) THAT JEBB WILL CONVEY MACMILLAN'S URGENT SUGGESTION THAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE BE CONVENED BEFORE JULY 13. LUCET SAID FRENCH ATTITUDE WILL BE FIRMLY OPPOSED BUT COUVE WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF OUR POSITION REMAINS LIKEWISE. MERCHANT SAID THERE WAS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN U.S. OPPOSITION TO SUMMIT IN ABSENCE JUSTIFYING PROGRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.

MERCHANT THEN TOLD LUCET THAT SECRETARY ANXIOUS TO COMMUNICATE TO COUVE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO PROMPT TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON ALL DETAILS OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR BERLIN STILL UNRESOLVED. SPECIFICALLY HE HAD IN MIND MATTER OF COUNTER HARASSMENT AND SPEEDING UP LIVE OAK PLANNING. LUCET SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS IMMEDIATELY TO COUVE AND WAS SURE COUVE SHARED THIS SENSE OF URGENCY.

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